

Pathogenicity of local isolation of bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner from great wax moth: *Galleria mellonella* (Lepidoptera, Gelechiidae)

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Abstract

Galleria mellonella is one of the most important pest on bee hives in Syria. Five bacterial strains were isolated from infected larvae of *G. mellonella*. They identified as *Bacillus thuringiensis*. using various morphological, microscopic test and biochemical characteristics. Their pathogenicity were evaluated during 2011- 2013 on larvae of *G. mellonella* using different concentration of mixture of crystals and spores. The highest mortality was obtained after 72 h from the isolate B2(66.67%). The LC_{50} was evaluated for the strains which showed differences value on tested instars, and ranging from 1.62×10^7 cfu/ ml for B2 strain, to 5.93×10^{10} cfu /ml for B4 strain. Our result indicated that the strains of *B. thuringiensis* isolated from Syria will be valuable as biological control agents to *G. mellonella*

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